



## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP**

June 16, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission  
1110 West Washington Street, Room 145  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on June 16, 2010 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 West Washington Street, Room 145, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

<b>Members Present (8)</b>	
<b>Phillip Stevenson, Chair, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission</b>	
<b>Wendy Wolfersteig, Vice-Chair, Arizona State University</b>	
<b>Meena Shahi, First Things First</b>	
<b>Zeenat Mahal, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (via teleconference)</b>	
<b>Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections</b>	
<b>David Choate, Arizona State University</b>	
<b>Katherine Guffey, Arizona Department of Economic Security (via teleconference)</b>	
<b>Emma Kibisu, Arizona Department of Health Services</b>	
<b>Staff/Guests Present (9)</b>	<b>Members Absent (9)</b>
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Sgt. Gail Spore, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Shanan Aven, Strategic Applications International	Amy Stuart, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts
Nicole Luciani, ADHS/DBHS (via teleconference)	Gowri Shetty, Arizona Department of Health Services
Michelle Neitch, ACJC	Catherine Osborn, Arizona Department of Education
Cindy Daugherty, GOCYF, DSAP	Douglas Kramer, Treatment Assessment Screening Center, Inc.
Ashley Miles, GOCYF, DSAP	Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Service
Melissa Jankowski, ACJC	Richard Porter, Arizona Department of Health Services
Emily Winans, GOCYF, DSAP	Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute
Sarah Brichler, Pima Prevention Partnership	Michael Dolny, Arizona Department of Corrections



A. **Call to Order**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with eight (8) members, five (5) staff and four (4) guests present.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. **Review of Packet and Agenda**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. **Approval of Minutes**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** stated that minutes would not be voted on due to lack of quorum.

E. **Announcements**

- **Meena Shahi** reported that a Request for Grant Applications (RFGAs) will be released by First Things First. Additionally, she announced that First Things First will host a seminar August 30 – 31, 2010.
- **Emma Kibisu** stated that upcoming changes to the types of data contained within the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) may change its comparability to previous data in the system. If approved, a discussion of these changes will be added to a future meeting agenda, to allow a more-detailed discussion.
- **Michelle Neitch** reported that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is awaiting data from a few schools that participated in the 2010 Arizona Youth Survey. Once the data have been received, ACJC will begin the analysis as well as the compilation of the school, county and state-level reports.
- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** announced that the Tohono O'Odham Nation's Epidemiology Work Group is meeting today.
  - Richard Porter is attending the meeting and will be looking for opportunities to link its works with that of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group.

F. **ASAP Update**

- **Jeanne Blackburn** provided an update from the May 6, 2010 Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting, stating that the meeting focused on the topic of underage drinking.
  - The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety reported on the crime, violence and underage drinking associated with party crews.
  - The Arizona Department of Corrections shared a video it created of inmates discussing their substance abuse histories and the consequences they experienced in relation to their incarceration for driving under the influence (DUI).
  - Cindy Schaidler of the Casa Grande Alliance presented on underage drinking Lunch-and-Learn sessions.
  - Merilee Fowler from (Yavapai County) MATForce and Cindy Schaidler from the Casa Grande Alliance presented on the work of their coalitions.
  - Jeanne Blackburn stated that the July 8 ASAP meeting (previously-scheduled for July 1) will focus on strategy; policy; and legislation while the ASAP meeting in September will likely focus on newly-available data (i.e., data from the Arizona Youth Survey, the Community Data Project, and the Arizona Health Survey).



#### G. **Protocols for Letters of Support**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** informed the group that there were three requests for letters of support from the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group from organizations applying for federal grant funds.
  - The group agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and GOCYF staff can jointly determine which letters of support can reasonably be provided to such groups in the future when group input is not feasible due to time constraints. However, when the time for more input is available, a meeting should be called to discuss the requests or they should be reviewed at the group's next regularly-scheduled meeting.
  - A draft letter template and a list of support parameters will be provided to members for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

#### H. **Underage Drinking Cost Savings Analysis**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** stated that, according to the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE), due to increases in youth violence, the costs associated with underage drinking have increased in Arizona, despite reductions in the prevalence of underage drinking in the state.
  - While questions remain around the methodology and assumptions used in the analysis, the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group members felt that they do not have the resources or expertise to conduct a separate cost analysis using more precise data.
  - Chair Phillip Stevenson will draft a memo for the Arizona Underage Drinking Prevention Committee explaining PIRE's estimate and outlining potential next steps for conducting a cost estimate analysis specific to Arizona.

#### I. **Mission & Work Plan for 2010**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** stated that the goals, objectives and action steps suggested by the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group members have been incorporated into its strategic planning document.
  - The group members provided further feedback to be incorporated before the next meeting, at which time the approval of the document will be voted upon by the group.

#### J. ***The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona (2009)***

- **Jeanne Blackburn** reported that a draft of the *Snapshot* will be provided to the Epi Work Group members to view before the end of July for feedback at the August meeting.
  - She also noted that because a correction was made to the Epi Profile, the new version will be uploaded to the Governor's Office website.

#### K. **Future Agenda Items**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** encouraged members of the work group and the public to submit future agenda items to Jeanne Blackburn through the suggestion form provided in their packets or via email.



## L. Adjournment

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010  
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Jeanne Blackburn  
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